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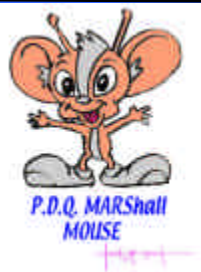
*Thought for the Month:*  
**"Safety Always Begins With You"**

## MAY IS SLIPS, TRIPS, & FALLS PREVENTION MONTH AT MSFC.

Special emphasis is being placed on the prevention of slips, trips, & falls in your work area. Report any potential tripping hazards to your manager/supervisor, Building Manager, or through the Safety Concerns Reporting System (SCRS) at <http://msfcsma1.msfc.nasa.gov/dbwebs/apps/scrs/>.

The PEP Safety Survey is beginning this week. This Survey is for all on-site employees and managers. Please take this opportunity to evaluate your Safety and Health Program. Results will be used to improve the Program. PEP training is still available, contact the MSFC Industrial Safety Department at 544-HELP "Safety" option.

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## MSFC Present at VPP Conference

A strong contingent of MSFC employees and contractors recently participated in the VPP Region IV Conference in Atlanta.

The regional conference, which brings together both current VPP Star and prospective sites, provided an open exchange of methods to achieve star status.



Among the activities included in the three day event was an application workshop which was attended by many in the MSFC group.

Other seminars were available which included presentations from safety and law enforcement professionals in the Region IV area.

MSFC, as part of its commitment to VPP, is laying the groundwork to be VPP Star certified in FY02.

**SHE** Marshall Space Flight Center  
**Safety, Health, and Environment**

## New MSFC SHE Page Unveiled

The MSFC SHE Communications team recently unveiled the new Safety, Health and Environment homepage. The layout reflects a need for a more direct approach to MSFC employees in finding SHE related information. The new page takes into account the MSFC Safety Professional requirements as well. Take a look at: <http://inside.msfc.nasa.gov/SHE/>

## Simple Tips to Reduce Your Risk of Skin Cancer

- ♥ **Avoid midday sun exposure** - Ultraviolet rays from the sun are strongest and most damaging between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- ♥ **Wear protective clothing when outside** - Long-sleeve shirts and pants offer some protection against the sun. However, not all fabrics offer equal protection. In general, stick to darker, drier and heavier, tightly woven fabrics.
- ♥ **Hats are helpful** - significant amounts of reflected light still reach your face.
- ♥ **Always use a sunscreen on exposed parts of your body** - Select a sunscreen that reduces both UVA (ultraviolet A) and UVB (ultraviolet B) rays. (Some available sunscreens block only UVB rays and provide less protection than those that block both.) Apply it liberally and reapply frequently.